KAMOTO; T. et al. Appl. No. 10/664,895 May 11, 2006

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-3 and 11 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-30 are pending.

The claims have been further amended above to define further aspects of the disclosed invention.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

| By: | /B. J. Sadoff/ | |
|------------|-----------------|--|
| - <u> </u> | B. J. Sadoff | |
| | Reg. No. 36,663 | |

BJS:

901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor

Arlington, VA 22203-1808 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100